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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI, INFO CALCUTTA, ISLAMABAD,
KARACHI AND MADRAS FROM BOMBAY APRIL 1, 1975 REPEATED FOR YOU

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SUBJ: INDIA-PAKISTAN CARGO SHIPPING SERVICE

REF: BOMBAY 0277 AND ISLAMABAD 2448

1. AGREEMENT ON THE RESUMPTION OF SHIPPING SERVICES
BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WAS SIGNED IN BOMBAY MARCH 31
BY LEADERS OF INDIAN AND PAKISTANI SHIPPING DELEGATIONS.
THE FOUR-DAY DISCUSSIONS, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE AGREEMENT,
MARK COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE OF TALKS ON RESUMPTION OF
SEA TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE SECOND PHASE WILL
BE HELD IN PAKISTAN LATER THIS YEAR.

2. THE DISCUSSIONS IN BOMBAY CENTERED ON FREIGHT RATES FOR
CARGOES COVERED UNDER THE TRADE PROTOCOL SIGNED EARLIER,
WITH ONLY THE 200,000 BALES OF COTTON BEING SOLD TO INDIA
COVERED UNDER THE SHIPPING AGREEMENT. OF THIS, FIFTY
PERCENT WILL BE MOVED IN PAKISTANI VESSELS AND FIFTY
PERCENT IN INDIAN VESSELS. AGREED RATES FOR THE COTTON ARE
\$30 PER METRIC TON FROM KARACHI TO BOMBAY AND BHAVNAGAR,
\$31.70 FOR COCHIN, \$35.40 FOR MADRAS AND \$36.25 FOR

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CALCUTTA. A BUNKER SURCHARGE OF 20 PERCENT WILL BE LEVIED ON

THESE RATES. THE FREIGHT CHARGES ARE PAYABLE IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY.

3. THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 35,000 BALES OF COTTON UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO SAIL FROM KARACHI ON APRIL 20, 1975, WITH THE ENTIRE QUANTITY OF 200,000 BALES SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED BY SEPTEMBER 1975.

4. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATION WAS LED BY A.D. AHMED, MG. DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPN. OF PAKISTAN, AND CONSISTED OF N.S. SHEHERWALA, MG. DIRECTOR OF PAKISTAN SHIPPING CORPN., R.M. JAZ AHMED, DY. COMMERCIAL MANAGER OF NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPN., AND SIH NAQVI, DY. MANAGER, PLANNING, NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPN.

5. THE INDIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY J.G. SAGGI, MG. DIRECTOR OF THE STATE-OWNED MOGUL LINES LTD. AND CONSISTED OF P.T. DALAL, CHAIRMAN OF WEST COAST OF INDIA, WEST ASIA AND GULF CONFERENCE, S. M. OCHANEY, DY. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPPING, N.H. DHANJIBHOY, CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH EAST ASIS SHIPPING COMPANY AND J.C. SHETH, CHIEF MANAGER OF SHIPPING CORPN. OF INDIA. SIGNED BANE
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